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SUBJECT: SHIPPING TALKS: VISIT OF FMC CHAIRMAN BENTLEY

REF: A) STATE 148860; B) MOSCOW 9299

1. CHAIRMAN BENTLEY WISHES TO VISIT ODESSA AND LENINGRAD. BESIDES MESSRS. HOPE, HARRIS AND WEBB, GROUP WILL INCLUDE FLORENCE MARIE SHAPP, CONTRACT INTERPRETER, AND EITHER GLORIA CATANEO, SECRETARY TO THE CHAIRMAN, OR ROY DARNELL, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT. DEPARTMENT WILL CONFIRM WHICH OF THE LATTER TWO LATER.

2.(A) MEMBERS OF FMC GROUP AND WEBB WILL DEPART USSR FROM MOSCOW. BENTLEY, HARRIS AND CATANEO/DARNELL ARE PLANNING TO GO ON TO TOKYO SEPTEMBER 4 VIA AIR FRANCE; HOPE MAY ACCOMPANY OR RETURN US VIA LONDON; SHAPP WILL RETURN DIRECTLY TO US. FMC GROUP WILL ARRIVE MOSCOW AUGUST 26 AT
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12:25 P.M. ON PANAM NO. 90. WEBB ETA MOSCOW AUGUST 26 AT

6:35 P.M. VIA JAL 440 FROM PARIS. HE WILL VISIT ONLY FIRST
OUTLYING CITY ON SCHEDULE. ETD MOSCOW SEPTEMBER 1 AT
4:15 P.M. VIA JAL 441 TO PARIS.

(B) HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS AS OUTLINED REFTEL B FINE. IF
POSSIBLE FMC GROUP AND WEBB WOULD PREFER TO PAY THEIR HOTEL
BILLS DIRECTLY AS THEY GO ALONG AND HAVE IN-COUNTRY
TRAVEL, INCLUDING RENTED CAR, BILLED DIRECTLY TO EMBASSY.
FMC TRAVEL APPROPRIATION NUMBER: 6540100.4-94811.511
REPEAT 6540100.4-94811.511. WEBB FISCAL DATA:
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(C) CHAIRMAN BENTLEY AGREEABLE IN PRINCIPLE TO LUNCHEON
HOSTED BY CHARGE, BUT FUNDING PRESENTS PROBLEM. FMC HAS
NO FUNDS FOR REPRESENTATIONAL PURPOSES. REQUEST EMBASSY
PROVIDE ESTIMATE OF COST.

(D) SEE PARA. 1 ABOVE RE INTERPRETER.

(E) SUBSTANCE OF TALKS. (A) ONE MAJOR GOAL OF FMC IN
FORTHCOMING DISCUSSIONS WITH USSR OFFICIALS IS TO OBTAIN
THEIR CONCURRENCE THAT SOVIET SHIPPING LINES ENGAGING IN
OR CONTEMPLATING ENTERING THE US TRADE BECOME MEMBERS OF
EXISTING MARITIME CONFERENCES. (B) CHAIRMAN BENTLEY IS
PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN MEETING WITH VALENTIN
DETROVICH BYANKIN, CHIEF, FAR EASTERN SHIPPING COMPANY AND
OTHER FESCO OFFICIALS. THE FMC CONSIDERS THE COMPANY'S
ACTIVITIES AND PRACTICES IN US-NORTH PACIFIC TRADE A MAJOR
PROBLEM.

4. FORMAL REPLY TO MINISTER GUZHENKO'S INVITATION BEING
POUCHED. TEXT TRANSMITTED EMBASSY SEPARATE CABLE.

5. EMBASSY OUTLINE RE HANDLING PRESS COVERAGE ACCEPTABLE
TO FMC CHAIRMAN. SCHEDULE PERMITTING, MRS. BENTLEY WILL
BE PLEASED TO BRIEF AMERICAN CORRESPONDENTS AND GRANT
INDIVIDUAL INTERVIEWS. ROGERS

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